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OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
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The Honorable John McMahon
Deputy Director, Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear John:

As you may be aware, we have been interested for some time in securing a professional intelligence officer from the Intelligence Community to be detailed to our NNBIS Coordinating Staff here in the Vice President's office. We are particularly interested in finding someone with a broad background in the various intelligence collection disciplines, some familiarity with the nature of international narcotics trafficking, sufficient seniority and stature to command weight in inter-agency councils, and an innovative problem solving approach to the work at hand. After much thought, I am convinced that our needs would best be met by the assignment of someone from the Central Intelligence Agency for this purpose. His role in our NNBIS Coordinating Staff would be to pursue specific intelligence-related questions and issues that come to our attention from the NNBIS Regional Centers, to effect liaison and coordination between the national Intelligence Community and the law enforcement intelligence elements on narcotics questions, and to advise me about problem areas that we are encountering with narcotics intelligence and devise solutions for them.

We have been discussing the possibility of such an assignment with your National Intelligence Officer for Narcotics, [redacted] for some time. We also recently had a representative of your General Counsel office, [redacted] visit our staff in the hope that direct observation would assuage any doubts that the NNBIS Coordinating Staff's role is quite remote from operational law enforcement. Since we feel that better intelligence carries the single greatest pay-off in improving our narcotics interdiction efforts, we are eager to have a staff member detailed here to devote full time to this important area. I hope that you will be able to give this request prompt consideration so that we may be able to have a qualified member of the Intelligence Community on duty here in the coming weeks.

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Sincerely,

Daniel J. Murphy
Admiral, USN (Ret.)
Chief of Staff

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